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Shy and Hesitant Swains United With the Aid of the Muse of Uncle Sam's Famous Representative—He Earns Gratitude.

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For the first half dozen houses on my route the other day everything went well and everybody was happy, but then I bumped up against it. The good wife of Farmer Ben Johnson was at the gate to receive a letter, and after she had made sure that it was from her sister in Nebraska she turned to me, and in a confidential voice she said:

"Abe, I'm afraid we are going to lose our lamb."
"I didn't know that you kept sheep," I answered.

"We don't. I refer to our daughter Jess."

"Oh, I see. Well, has Jess got another soft corn?"

"Don't make fun of me, Abe. This is serious business. She and Harry



"SAY, ABE, I'M A DYING MAN!"

Day have had a falling out, and goodness only knows how it is going to end. He has given out that he is going to enlist for a soldier and go off to the Philippines. Jess is just worrying herself sick, and you've got to do something."

"But I can't take him by the neck and bring him back."

"No, but you can write some poetry, and you've got to do it. You must write something to scare him and at the same time melt his heart. There's cold milk and a big piece of pie awaiting you in the kitchen. As for Jess, she's still abed and won't see any body."

I went in, and when the milk and pie had been disposed of I tuned up my muse and wrote what I called "The Shriveling Maid," as follows:

They tell me that my cheek is pale—
That, like a lily drooping,
I now seem going to my grave
Instead of gayly whooping.

My eyes are dim with bitter tears;
My cheeks are sunk and hollow;
My weight has sadly fallen off,
And there is more to follow.

I dream and dream of various things—
Of frogs and toads and gators—
I dream of centipedes and rats
And vile impersonators.

I dream to wake and wake to dream,
And in my dreams I'm failing,
And in my waking hours I find
Myself for Harry calling.

They say he's given me the shake;
That I'm a maiden flit;
That, like a broken big sunflower,
I'm withered and I'm wilted.

But I shall believe my Harry true,
Come back, my love; come hither,
And do not leave your Jess to fade
And shrivel up and wither.

"Abe," said the good woman as she wiped the tears from her eyes, "you've struck it!"

"I believe I have, Aunt Liza."

Saved Their Lamb.

"I know it. You've appealed to that young man's feelings as no seventeen preachers could. You have saved our lamb, and if I don't be a sister to you all the rest of your days I hope to be hung. Yes, sir, when Jess copies them verses off and sends them to Harry there's going to be something doing. His conscience is going to cry out until he will come over here on the run."

I don't know how fast he ran, but next day I heard that the quarrel had been made up and that the shriveled maiden had ceased to shrivel.

I was driving along and feeling how unjust it was of the postmaster general to feel jealous of my poetry when it was doing so much good, when Farmer Joe Smith's hired man beckoned me from the barn. I had heard that he had an affair of the heart on hand, and I drew up and descended.

"Say, Abe, I'm a dying man," he said with a quiver of the lip.

"Been talking parls green?" I asked.

"No. It's what they call unrequited love. I'm in love with Sarah Jackson, and if she won't have me it'll be a case of suicide for sure."

"But have you asked her?"

"Not—not yet. I daren't, Abe. She's too proud and harty. I'm afraid she'd throw me over."

Wanted to Melt Her Heart.

"Then how in thunder are you going to fix it? She won't ask you if you wait a thousand years."

"I know it, but I want something to prepare the way—to sortier melt her heart. When I see that she's melted

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I'll ask her. Gimme some o' year poetry, Abe. I've got to have it or you will be responsible for my death."

He was pale and trembling, and his chin sinking and seeing what a hard case it was, I sat down and wrote the following, the same being intended to appeal to both her humorous and pathetic side:

Oh, the roses come, and the roses bloom,
And the roses droop and die,
And the sad south wind it wafts around
The spot where the hollyhocks lie.

Oh, life of earth is a sad, sad life!
We meet today, and we part,
Today we gather the roses and laugh;
Tomorrow there's grief in the heart.

At midnight I wake to think of my love,
To list to the wind as it blows,
To hope that my Sarah won't fall out of bed
And land on the floor on her nose.

My love she has had for many a month—
The love of a strong married man,
The love that endures the fat pork and beans
Devoured by her Jimmie McGann.

I pray that my love is rewarded in kind;
That Sarah has thoughts of her Jim;
That he is not driven by blackest despair
To go hang on a hickory limb.

He Was Grateful.

When I drove on I left the most grateful hired man in the whole country behind me, but whether the poem melted Sarah or not I have yet to find out. There was one more case. At Farmer Beecher's the mother told me about the same as Mrs. Johnson had done. Her daughter Nell had quarreled with her feller and he was threatening to go off to Panama and catch the yellow fever, and so I had to sit down to another poem. I am happy to record that it worked in the same prompt and satisfactory manner:

I have loved him long and tender;
I have loved him long and well;
I have never loved another man
As I love Billy Dell.

He swore he'd return my love
And caused my heart to flutter
And made me lose my appetite
For toasted bread and butter.

He led me on to believe he'd pop
The question I was waiting—
The question that is always asked
Before there is a mating.

But, ah, alas, he turned away—
He turned to Betty Baker!
And could I do aught else but say,
"You chump, but go and take her?"

I've tried full hard my love to kill;
I've sought to quench the feeling;
I've wept and pulled my nose so much
That it is sadly peeling.

It can't be done. The only thing
To river or cold pizen;
A rope a-hanging o'er a limb,
And I am free from prison.

And Billy Dell will gaze some day
Upon the weeping willow,
A-drooping o'er my resting place,
And tears bedew his pillow.

M. QUAD.

She Couldn't Be Stopped.
"Cousin Jane is so obtuse."
"What's the matter with her?"
"Why, you know her folks have been threatening to visit us all summer. To head her off I telegraphed this morning. 'Don't come; weather too warm for comfort.' And what do you suppose she replied?"

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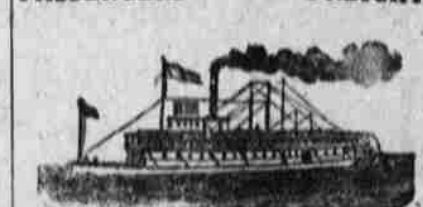
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